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645-64.3 (157,272C) Standards.

64.3(1) *General criteria.* A continuing education activity which meets all of the following criteria is appropriate for continuing education credit if the continuing education activity:

- a. Constitutes an organized program of learning which contributes directly to the professional competency of the licensee;
 - b. Pertains to subject matters which integrally relate to the practice of the profession;
- c. Is conducted by individuals who have specialized education, training and experience by reason of which said individuals should be considered qualified concerning the subject matter of the program. At the time of audit, the board may request the qualifications of presenters;
 - d. Fulfills stated program goals, objectives, or both; and
 - e. Provides proof of attendance to licensees in attendance including:
 - (1) Date, location, course title, presenter(s);
 - (2) Number of program contact hours; and
- (3) Certificate of completion or evidence of successful completion of the course provided by the course sponsor.

64.3(2) Specific criteria.

- a. Continuing education hours of credit may be obtained by attending continuing education activities.
- b. The licensee may attend programs on product knowledge, methods, and systems. Continuing education shall be directly related to the technique and theory specific to the practice of cosmetology arts and sciences. Business classes specific to owning or managing a salon are acceptable. No direct selling of products is allowed as part of a continuing education offering.
- c. Excluded content areas for continuing education include, but are not limited to, any program or training that is outside the scope of practice in accordance with the definitions found in Iowa Code section 157.1 or that does not enhance professional competency relating to the practice discipline. Bloodletting, cupping and ear candling are excluded content areas.
- d. The licensee may participate in independent study as defined in 645—64.1(157). A maximum of two hours of independent study per biennium will be allowed. Independent study must be related to either Iowa cosmetology law and administrative rules or sanitation.
- e. In addition to fulfilling the requirements in 64.2(1), those persons holding an instructor's license must complete a minimum of eight hours of continuing education approved by the board in the area of teaching methodology.
- f. The licensee shall obtain at least four hours in each area of prescribed practice for each cosmetology license held.
- g. Continuing education shall be obtained by attending programs that meet the criteria in subrule 64.3(1) and are approved or offered by the following organizations. Other individuals or groups may offer through one of the organizations listed in this paragraph continuing education programs that meet the criteria in rule 645—64.3(157,272C).
 - (1) National, state or local associations of cosmetology arts and sciences;
 - (2) Schools and institutes of cosmetology arts and sciences;
 - (3) Universities, colleges or community colleges;
 - (4) National, state or local associations of barbers;
 - (5) Barber schools or institutes;
 - (6) Manufacturers of laser or microdermabrasion products;
 - (7) Institutes of laser technology.
- *h.* Two hours of continuing education per biennium must be specific to Iowa cosmetology law and administrative rules.

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i. A licensee who is a presenter of a continuing education program that meets criteria in 645—64.3(157,272C) may receive credit once per biennium for the initial presentation of the program. The licensee may receive the same number of hours granted the attendees.

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